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Serial No. 10/088,770 :

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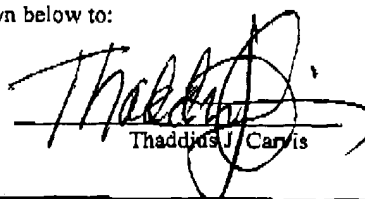
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(1) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, all of the claims pending in the application, are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks. No claims have been amended, added or cancelled.

Applicants note that the examiner states that the claims of the instant application are composition claims and method of use claims. However, claims 1-4, all of the claims in the application are composition claims. They were originally entered with the revised specification and claims submitted May 13, 2004. The Office Action dated January 15, 2003 and the subject Office Action both refer to claims 1-4. Thus, the examiner's comment regarding the presence of method of use claims appears to be in error. In view of these facts and the reference in the subject Office Action to only four claims, claims 1-4, clarification is requested.